

# The Church of the Incarnation

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Vanessa Crowley  
Lorissa Heath  
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy  
Andrew Russo  
Heather Picard Bonney  
**Cantors**

Toni Munoz  
**Sacristan**

## Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:30p.m.

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 a.m.

Recitation of the Rosary before  
9:00 a.m. daily Mass

## Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Baptistry of the Chapel.

## Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

## New Parishioners and Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation welcomes new parishioners. All forms are available at the main entrance of the church. Please mail or place in the collection basket.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:  
[www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com](http://www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com)

## Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Rectory**  
(860) 529-2533

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**SAT., DECEMBER 25TH**

8:00am— For all our parishioners

9:30am— For all our parishioners

11:00am—For all our parishioners



**SUNDAY,**

**DECEMBER 26TH**

8:00am— Vincent Padula

9:30am— Marjorie Amodio

11:00am—Angelina Nowik

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**

9:00am— John “Jack” Robinson

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH**

9:00am— Sarah Ann Marie Privitera,  
Dolores Brunetti and Myles Connelly Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**

9:00am— John R. Woods

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**

9:00am—David Dolge

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

9:00 am—Deceased members of the Men’s  
Association and Women’s Club

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST**

10:00 am— For all our parishioners

5:00 pm - Mike & Nella D’Onofrio

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND**

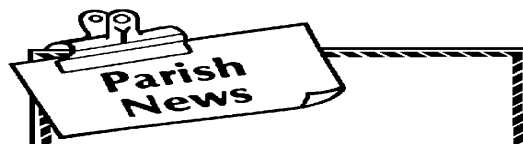
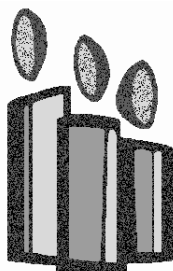
8:00 am— For all our deceased  
parishioners & benefactors.

9:30 am—Anthony W. Melillo

11:00 am— Mary Champ

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn from  
12/27/2010 –1/2/2011 in  
memory of Anthony W.  
Melillo.

**The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Candle** will burn from  
12/27/2010—1/2/2011 in  
memory of Joseph &  
Carmelina Sipala.



**Christmas Eve Masses will be at 5pm and  
12 midnight.**

**Christmas Day Masses are at  
8am, 9:30am & 11:00am.**

**The Choir will sing 20 minutes prior to the  
5pm Mass on Christmas Eve and 15  
minutes prior to Midnight Mass.**

**There will be no 5pm Mass or confessions  
on Christmas, Saturday, December 25th.  
The rectory will be closed on Friday,  
December 24th and Monday, December  
27th. Emergency calls only please.**

**Wishing everyone a Blessed  
Christmas!!**



**Schedule of  
Masses for  
The New Year:**

**Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2011 will be  
at 10am.  
It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

**There will be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on  
Saturday, January 1, 2011 for the  
Feast of the Epiphany.**



**Reconciliation 2011**....There will be a meeting for all parents and Catechists who are preparing our children to receive First Reconciliation on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**The following is the Children's Liturgy of the Word schedule for the Winter and Spring Sessions.** We encourage all families to bring their children to CLW. All sessions will be at the 9:30am Mass. The Children are called into the Fr. Crawford Hall before the Liturgy of the Word begins.

January 2nd 2011

January 16th 2011

January 30th 2011

February 13th 2011

February 27th 2011

March 13th 2011

March 27th 2011

April 10th 2011

April 17th 2011

May 8th 2011 Final CLW.....May Crowning

**These dates may be subject to change.**

Thank you to the Kelly Family for hosting the refreshments for the Fall Season. We invite our families to sign up to host the refreshments for the Winter C.L.W. Season. It is a very simple task. Two families may sign up together. One family picks up the munchkins on Sunday morning and the other sets up the table and juice. If you are willing to help call Audrey at the rectory at (860) 529-2533, and she will give you the simple instructions. Sign-up sheet in Fr. Crawford Hall.

**Faith Formation for Grades K-6 will not meet at Emerson-Williams School until Saturday, January 8th. May all Faith Formation Families and Catechists have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**The Little Lambs Faith Formation Community of Connie Mazarella will not gather on Saturday, January 15th at Emerson-Williams School.**



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**Angel Tree:**

Thank you to all who donated to help less fortunate. We thank the Carcia Family and our Confirmation

Candidates for their wonderful help with this giving ministry. Thank you to all!

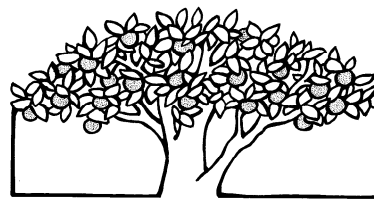


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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 26, 2010**

Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*



***A Family Perspective...*** Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

***Stewardship Message...*** Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

**We will begin accepting the year 2012 Masses, Sanctuary Candles and Blessed Virgin Mary Candles on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 10am. Please keep in mind that our parish has a large number of parishioners who remember their loved ones with Memorial Masses and we request that you limit your Masses to two per household. Thank you for understanding....Fr. Moran**

**The ABC's of Annulment will be held on Tuesday, January 11th from 7-9pm at Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, 68 N. Colony St., Wallingford, CT.** This is a follow up workshop wherein people come to actually write their annulment paper in a quiet, supportive setting with staff available to assist writers confidentially. Call (203) 230-2460 for more information.

**MEN'S RETREAT: Save the Date:** This year's men's retreat at Holy Family Monastery will be February 25 -- 27, 2011. This year's theme is ***God Changes Everything***. For information visit their web site at: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).

**Prayer for Our Men and Women in the Military Service...** O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen

**The Employment Support Group will meet on Tuesday, December 28th at 9:30am in Fr. Crawford Hall.**



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**Fr. Moran wishes to thank all parishioners** for the cards, prayers, good wishes, and gifts for Christmas.

Thank you and God's Blessing upon you and yours! Fr Moran is most grateful to all

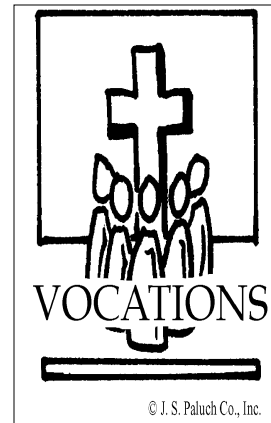
who work during the year in any capacity from Parish Council members to the youngest Altar Server to make our parish function with such devotion. Thank you to all who helped prepare and decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas, to all who donated to the special flower collection, and to all choir members/musicians who helped to make our Christmas Masses so moving. All of us at the rectory wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Holy, and Healthy New Year.

**If you are leaving Wethersfield for the winter, please notify the rectory** so that we can place your envelopes on inactive. When you return, kindly call and we will re-activate them. Thank you.



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*The priests, brothers, and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call. Consider becoming a priest or religious. Call Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, (860) 761-7456 or e-mail vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).*



**Thank you to all who have recently donated to our Annual Collection.** We continue to graciously accept your donations. We have received over \$90,000 in donations so far.

**Some of our parishioners have expressed an interest in remembering their loved ones with Christmas Flowers.** To help with this request you will find a new Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. This Special Christmas Flower Envelope will be happily received at any time.

**We welcome our newest Lectors.....Najib Habesch, Mary McKenna and Alessandra Tessier. We thank all lectors for their ministry of proclaiming God's Word.**

**Winter Escape:** A Weekend Experience for Young Adults (18-25), Jan., 7-9 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT. \$50.00 offering. Call (860) 677-8519.

## SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body: Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; Kwanzaa begins  
 Monday: St. John  
 Tuesday: The Holy Innocents  
 Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket  
 Friday: St. Sylvester I  
 Saturday: Octave of Christmas; New Year's Day; The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Saturday

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

